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SUBJECT: LATVIA LOOKS TO COMMISSION CONSENSUS ON CHINA IPR

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**¶1.** (SBU) Pol/econ off met with Zaiga Liepina, Ministry of Economics Deputy State Secretary, on August 22 to request support in the possible WTO dispute with China on IPR. Liepina stated that Latvian business has a very small representation in China, so Chinese IPR practices do not have much of a direct impact on Latvia. She stated she understands large businesses in other EU states are impacted and that Latvia would look to the Commission for a consensus position.

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